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CAMPUS SCENE

❖ VALLEY COLLEGE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, TO OBSERVE VETERANS DAY.

HEALTH CLINIC

❖ Student Health Clinic Program is holding a clinic on Eating Disorders. Nov. 12. From 12-1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

JOURNALISM BUILDING

❖ The Valley Star will be accepting applications for the Editor - In - Chief position. All interested journalist can pick up an application at the Valley Star Room 114, located in the Business Journalism Building. The deadline for returning applications is Monday, Dec. 1. For any questions call the Valley Star at 818-778-0276

OFF CAMPUS

❖ Men's Water Polo will be playing in the Southern California Playoffs. The event will be held all day November 7, at Long Beach.

❖ Womens Water Polo will be playing in the Southern California Playoffs. The event will be held all day November 6.

❖ Valley Monarchs will be playing against L.A. Southwest. Game time starts at 1 p.m. Nov. 7.

POLICE WATCH

October 30

A theft occurred in Lot G between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. A student left their car unlocked and items were stolen.

October 31

A burglary occurred in Lot A between 8:30 a.m. and noon. A vehicle was broken into.

November 3

A vehicle was vandalized in Lot B between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

November 3

A burglary occurred in Lot G between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A vehicle was broken into.

Information is provided by campus police.

Guarantee Day Canceled

By NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

Student Guarantee Day has been canceled for Spring '98; however, there will be one for Summer '98, according to Vice President of Academic Affairs Sue Carleo.

The reason for canceling Student Guarantee Day is that the classes needed for Spring have already been determined. Consequently, no additional classes will be added to the schedule, Carleo said.

"I was very disappointed when I found out it was canceled," said Gayane Melikyan, a child development major. "I would really like it if we had it because it's a convenience to me knowing the classes I picked are guaranteed."

Students have two ways of registering for classes. For continuing students one option is through Student Telephone Enrollment Program (STEP). Telephone appointments will be from Nov. 19 through Jan. 8, 1998. Calling at the time of appointment ensures the best selection of classes. Students should have received a postcard notifying them of their appointment. Further instructions for STEP can be found in the spring class schedule.

New and returning students can also register through STEP until Jan. 8. Returning students are those that are enrolled at Valley College but have not attended in the past semesters. They are advised to go to the Admissions office to see if they may need orientation or any other kind of help.

The other option for students is to register in person. Students can go to Monarch Hall from Jan. 6 - 9.

"It's not fair that they canceled Student Guarantee Day because when you try to get your classes it will be much harder," said Roxana Gonzales, a business major. "It made things easier and much faster and caused less stress."

The spring semester will begin Jan. 12 and end May 22. The spring schedule will be available Saturday, Nov. 15, at the information counter in the Admissions Building. Schedules will not be mailed.

Students that need help registering for their classes should see a counselor. The counseling center is located in the Admissions Building. "Students should make an appointment to see where they are and what they need for the future," said Zelma Cohen secretary of the counseling department. "Students need to be put on a plan A, B, or to transfer, they should see a counselor to see what plan they need."

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Lack of Signs Creates Static Between Police and Skaters

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

The lack of signs posted on campus creates a problem when enforcing the school policy against skateboarding and in line skating, police said.

"The school policy basically states that skateboards, bicycles and rollerblades are allowed on the outer perimeters of the campus as a means of transportation and not recreation," Campus Police Officer Larry Manderscheid said. "We enforce this when necessary."

Skateboarding and roller-blading create more of a problem than bicycling on campus because of the damage to school property. Manderscheid said.

"The students we nab are out having fun," Manderscheid said. "They don't consider the damage they could cause to school property, to themselves or to others."

The majority of the skaters are young teenagers who come on campus for thrills and therefore are trespassing, Manderscheid said.

"Anyone who has no legal business on campus is trespassing," Manderscheid said. "In general this is not a problem but trespassing to interfere with school activities is a violation of the law."

The campus police officers are concerned with safety issues, Manderscheid said. He said that whenever they see students in crowded areas on bikes or skateboards they stop them.

"We could cite them if they are trespassing," Manderscheid said. "We don't, we give them verbal warnings and they usually comply. Now and then we get the ones that refuse because they think they can out-run us."

Campus police officers said that they treat both students and non students the same when they violate any campus rules or laws. Each person reacts differently to authority so we respond to their actions, Manderscheid said.

"I've been riding from Burbank to Valley for three semesters, and I've never had a problem," said Valley student and cyclist Bryan Woode. "I watch out for everyone around me because I don't want to get hurt."

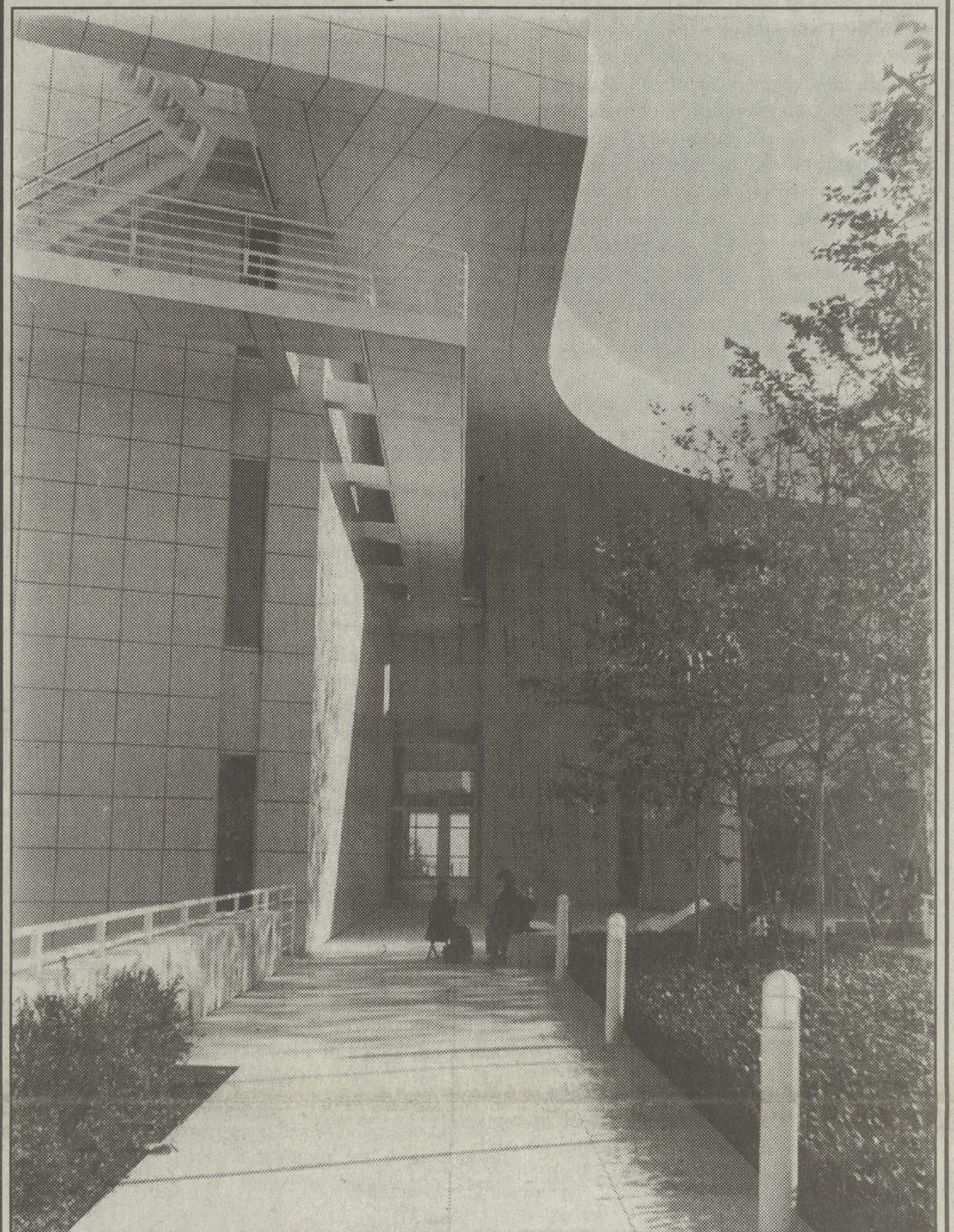


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Getty Museum



Luis O. Vasquez/Valley Star

SNEAK PREVIEW: Getty Museum invited student photographers and journalist to preview the museum.

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Speech Team Reap Awards

■ Valley forensic students compete and win at tourney.

VALLEY STAR STAFF

Continuing their winning tradition, the Valley College Speech and Debate team scored big in heated verbal competition Saturday.

Two-year community colleges were pitted against the likes of the indomitable UCLA in the Watson Lancer Tournament held at Pasadena City College. Despite the impressive talent showcased at the event, Valley thundered to a second place finish overall and won 22 awards.

"It was much more difficult than I could have imagined," said Jason Baumwirt, first place winner of the After Dinner Speaker award. "They were good competitors."

Baumwirt was named world's best After Dinner Speaker in London last spring.

A delegation of more than 20 students from Valley competed in events ranging from dramatic interpretation to parliamentary debate. Valley's team competed against teams from Mt San Antonio College, Saddleback College and Moorpark College to name a few.

"It was strange getting to know your competition," said Inetri Brazil, winner of first place novice drama. "It was a very tight group where everyone was pulling for each other, whether it was genuine admiration or not."

Tom Fernley won top speaker of the day in novice parliamentary debate.

First place winners include William Amaya for prose interpretation, Jason Baumwirt for after dinner speaker and Inetri Brazil for novice drama.

Second place finishers include William Amaya for drama, Mercedes Cerrillos and Kristin Calabrese for

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Textbook Prices Skyrocket

By CARMEN PINTO
STAR REPORTER

As the spring semester fast approaches, another expense we can all look forward to are the prices of books. The prices of books at Valley College and other schools have skyrocketed in the past couple of years. So high are some of these "required" textbooks, this semester, the average cost of a new book is \$60. Subtract one-third of that cost and you have the price of the average used book.

While some teachers recognize the fact that students are on a budget and simply may not be able to afford every recommended book, they place a copy or two in the library. Other students are not as fortunate, forcing some to study inside the bookstore. That is correct, a few Valley College students actually study in the bookstore.

David Dever, assistant bookstore manager, says he sees students in the back of the bookstore reading or studying. After about an hour, he asks them to leave, adding that he cannot have too many students studying in the back.

Other students have cleverly found other means to make ends meet.

Psychology major Emily Sahagan says, "I'm a part-time student here and part-time at CSUN [California State University, Northridge]. My roommates and I share books. If my roommate takes psychology this semester, I'll take it the following semester and vice versa. This way, we share the book and the expense."

"Books are very expensive. So far, I've found many of my books in public libraries, so I check them out. Sometimes, if it's thin enough, I buy the book, photocopy it at work, and return it to the bookstore for my full refund," said history major Rosio Rodriguez.

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Of course, Valley College students are not the only ones facing this problem.

Individual book publishers have their representatives scattered all over colleges and universities targeting unsuspecting instructors. In other words, the same publishers that sell to Valley College also sell elsewhere.

Publishing companies are responsible for the prices of books, then it is up to the college or university to add a so-called mark-up on the price.

"There's nine schools in the district. All nine schools follow the same rules. We are not owned specifically by individuals, but are owned by the state, the Los Angeles Community College School District runs us. They set out mandatory rules like mark-ups that we are allowed to use. Basically, book prices have a margin set, we have to follow those rules," said Dever.

A source that asked to remain anonymous agrees with Dever, and adds, "I couldn't tell you why the prices of books are so high, we don't make the policy. It's my understanding that all mark-ups are based on the same margin."

While Dever refused to further comment on the mark-up, our anonymous source says each book is marked up roughly 29 percent. Ant this mark-up is in addition to the already high prices the publishers ask for.

According to Dever, the prices of books go up every time an order is placed. This can be as often as every semester, every six months or once a year. The factors depend largely on both the instructor and the student. The instructor can decide to change the edition of a book every semester or they can request a different book altogether. The student, in turn, can maintain books in decent order and re-sell them to the bookstore, even if the required readings were "sets" or "packages" of books.

Logically, the publishers make their profits off new books, not the used editions. With this in mind, the publishing reps most likely push for the sale of a "set" or "package" of books, as it is harder for students to re-sell them back to the bookstore.

Major publishing companies like McGraw-Hill and International Thompson Publishing have very little competition. Although there are literally hundreds, perhaps thousand of publishers, the majority of the smaller divisions are really under one large umbrella. Obviously more competition equals lower prices and generally better service.

A junior college instructor who has personally complained to publishers about the high prices of books says most of these book publishers do make an attempt to satisfy the instructor. This instructor also requested that his name remain anonymous. He said, "Hey, I was a starving student once myself, that's why I make sure we have additional copies of the readings in the library. I look for the cheapest new edition paperback books for my students."

One point the professor did make was that students should learn the newest material even if that meant re-ordering the newest edition of a text or paying a couple of dollars more.

"The instructors can't boycott the publishers and the students can't do that either," said Dever.

Perhaps a boycott is extreme. However, students Joseph Romero and Patrick Salazar said if they knew of a number they can call and voice their concerns regarding the prices of books, they would do just that. Well, there are plenty of publishers and numbers out there.

But here are a handful of suggestions that may keep the prices of books steady, at least for a period longer than one semester.

In the "Suggestions That May Help Keep Prices of Books Steady" box, we have tips for both the instructor and the student. Hopefully, the next time we see a fellow student attentively reading a book, he will be inside the library and not in the bookstore.

SUGGESTIONS TO KEEP BOOK PRICES STEADY

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

❖ Refrain from ordering "sets" or "packages" of books. It may seem like a savings, but they are twice as hard to re-sell at the end of the semester.

❖ Consider ordering paperback books rather than hardcovers. Not only is there a noticeable difference in the price, but also in the weight.

❖ "Library editions" are unnecessary. The material inside the text counts more than the outside. After all, most students don't have a home library.

❖ If the 4th edition copyright '1997 book has all the important and necessary material, why order 5th edition copyright 1998?

❖ Most importantly, take your students and their budgets into consideration when ordering books. Perhaps some deal may be worked out between the instructor and the publisher.

TIPS FOR STUDENTS

❖ If the required reading includes "sets" or "packages" of books, use a separate sheet of paper for the workbook. If you plan to re-sell this material back to the bookstore, they buy back only the entire and complete "set." If the workbook is used, you own that "set."

❖ Paperback books always cost less and weigh less than hardcovers.

❖ Sell your books back, especially if you know they'll just sit and gather dust in your closet. If the bookstore has enough used books, they do not re-order.

❖ Let your instructor know the prices of the required texts. Some teachers may not realize the high prices while other instructors may make an effort to order a less expensive book the next time.

❖ McGraw-Hill Publishing customer service number: (800) 338-3987; International Thompson Publishing customer service number: (800) 487-5510. These are just two major publishers you may call and voice your concern.

❖ If you look inside the first couple of pages of the book, you will see the name of the publisher.

❖ The toll-free information can give you the publisher's number. Dial 1-800-555-1212.

SKATEBOARDS

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Woode said that he is aware of the crowded areas and usually walks his bike on campus. Wood said the only accident he had occurred when he collided with another student in the arcade. They were both walking with their heads down.

"It's ironic but it goes to show you have to pay attention to where you are going at all times whether you are walking or riding," Woode said.

The areas skateboarders and in line skaters use the most are the arcade and Monarch Square.

"We like jumping the steps, and riding along the hand rails, the more dangerous and daring the more you want to attempt it," said Jai P "I don't see it as trespassing."

Jai P and his three buddies arrive on campus in the evenings after school. They use the steps and the ramp located near the library as their stages. They try to out jump and out ride each other.

"We don't jump where there are a lot of people, they get in the way, and we don't do it in front of the cops because we respect them," Jai P said.

These teens grew up in the area and say they have been sneaking onto campus for at least five years. They boast about their escapes and

vow to continue to use the campus as their playground. Campus Police Officer Michael T. Habicht said he believes he has dealt with these teens before.

"The cunning ones are the ones that we've busted before and to them it's a game," Habicht said. "It makes it worse for them when we catch them because they've had prior warnings."

Both officers Habicht and Manderscheid said that the injuries to students on skateboards and bicycles are their main concerns. They believe that too many innocent bystanders are hurt because they can not get out of the way in time.

"Common sense should warn them against riding in crowded areas," Habicht said.

For students riding their bikes to school, there are bike racks conveniently located around campus. The campus police advise students to lock up their bikes while parked on campus. Skateboards and in line skates are not allowed in the buildings unless the student carries them in.

"Campus safety is an important issue to all the officers here at Valley," Manderscheid said. "We don't want to wait for something bad to happen to enforce the law."

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

A letter of resignation was given to the Associated Student Union board from their vice president, Leon Hardin.

Hardin unexpectedly resigned Oct. 27. Alison Scallorns was appointed as the new ASU vice president on Oct. 28.

According to the letter, Hardin resigned because of financial reasons, said ASU President Lorenzo Trujillo.

"He mentioned he was struggling financially," Trujillo said. "We didn't know that he was going to resign."

Hardin was not present at the last three ASU board meetings prior to his resignation. He declined to make any comments.

Dean of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye said Hardin's sudden resignation will not affect the way things are running.

"We have no complaints about his work as ASU vice president," Delahoussaye said. "His decision

to resign was made because he accepted a full time job, and had to quit school."

Scallorns is serving as the commissioner of evening affairs and ASU vice president.

"I have a lot to catch up on, but that happens," Scallorns said. "I don't know Leon's reasons for resigning, I'm concentrating on my new job."

Most of the ASU board members agree that Hardin's financial woes caused him to resign.

"He was very capable of doing the job, but he had to make decisions about his family and they come first," Trujillo said.

Hardin had recently been ordered by a Van Nuys municipal judge to serve 300 hours of community service for an incident that occurred off campus.

ASU board members said they were unaware of his personal life away from school.

"He rarely mentioned his personal problems," Trujillo said. "We talked mainly about school business."

Trujillo said Hardin did a good job as vice president. He said that is what the board cares about.

Construction to Begin at Valley

By Linda E. Thomas
STAR REPORTER

Re-roofing of 16 bungalow classrooms will affect 67 daytime classes beginning next week, administration said Monday.

Construction work to re-roof bungalows 1,2,5,7,8,9,10,25 and 26 is scheduled to begin Wednesday through Nov. 22, Administrative Analyst Bill Gasper said.

Bungalows 45, 46, 50, 51, 52, 54 and 55 are scheduled to be re-roofed Nov. 24 - Dec. 2, Gasper said.

"It'll be a little smelly and very noisy," Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell said. "The contractors have been told they must stick to the days given. We're trying our best to make a minimal impact on the classes."

The classes will be temporarily relocated and instructors are being notified, Gasper said.

Students who have daytime classes in those bungalows should ask their instructors where their classes will be relocated, he said. Nighttime classes will not be affected, he said.

"We're trying our best to beat the rain," Breckell said. "We're having leaks all over the place. We would have preferred to have it done during the summertime, but the district was overwhelmed with work and they couldn't do it. Now, we can't wait any longer."

Plans for the \$184,500 project began more than a year ago, Breckell said. Additional bungalows will undergo re-roofing through mid-December, but will not affect classes, Gasper said.

SPEECH

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persuasive, Tanya Gallardo for informative, Lenny Goodkin for novice poetry and Bret Liberman for novice persuasive.

Third place winners are Mercedes Cerrillos for novice parliamentary, Margaret Lee-Huh for informative and Tanya Gallardo for program

oral interpretation.

Rounding out the competition, in fourth place, Hamlet Azarian for novice impromptu, Kristin Calabrese for prose interpretation, Mercedes Cerrillos for novice extemp., Tanya Gallardo and Izumi Hamagaki for duo interpretation, Leo Smith for novice

informative and Marla Wegrzyn for novice persuasive. Kristin Calabres also took fifth place in novice parliamentary.

Competitors will return to the verbal battlefield when they meet their foes at Cal State Northridge Nov 15.

The Truth Hurts:

Do You Want to be a Feminist?

By DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER



A feminist is just a whiny, angry lesbian, right? That seems to be what everyone thinks. But why? Why would we all insult ourselves and those who happen to be gay like that? Why are we afraid to be

known as feminists?

Feminism began in 1849 with the temperance movement and was pioneered by Susan B. Anthony.

The temperance movement dealt with the abuses of women and children who suffered from alcoholic husbands. In 1854, Anthony devoted herself to the anti-slavery movement.

In 1872, Anthony demanded that women be given the same civil and political rights that had been extended to black males under the 14th and 15th Amendments.

"I know nothing but woman and her disenfranchised," she said in 1873.

In 1904 she established the International Women Suffrage Alliance and though she did not live to see it, the

creation of the 19th Amendment was a result of her efforts.

Is this what we're afraid to be associated with? What happened to the feminist movement to frighten us off so completely?

How about the likes of KFI radio talk show host Tammy Bruce? She is a woman who constantly has a bone to chew, but rarely does it with any tact.

She was president of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Organization for Women, but the turmoil her remarks caused led to her being publicly censured by NOW.

She eventually resigned and co-formed another feminist organization, the Women's Progress Alliance with Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson.

NOW itself comes off as a very adversarial organization, with leaders and spokespersons with little more tact than Bruce.

Personally, it seems to me that women could do a lot more for our kind by

being a little less confrontational and more persuasive.

Perhaps we need to think through our issues more before publicly spouting off.

Case in point? NOW founder Betty Friedan is the foremost spokesperson for women's rights in the world.

In 1963, the publication of her book, "The Feminine Mystique" set off shock waves through the country and is now, according to DuPlain International Speakers Bureau, considered the catalytic work of the woman's movement.

Friedan is an accomplished feminist and responsible for many of women's strides in the workplace.

She now says that she believes that today's work hours do not suit the needs of working families and therefore should be cut down to 30 hours a week, according to the Lifetime Network's web page, Lifetime-On Line.

Perhaps this kind of confusion leads to the animosity so many women feel toward the feminist movement.

Perhaps it is just the public displays from women like Bruce and lawyer Gloria Allred.

There is an angry feminist! Again, an example of how tact and persuasiveness would do better for our gender.

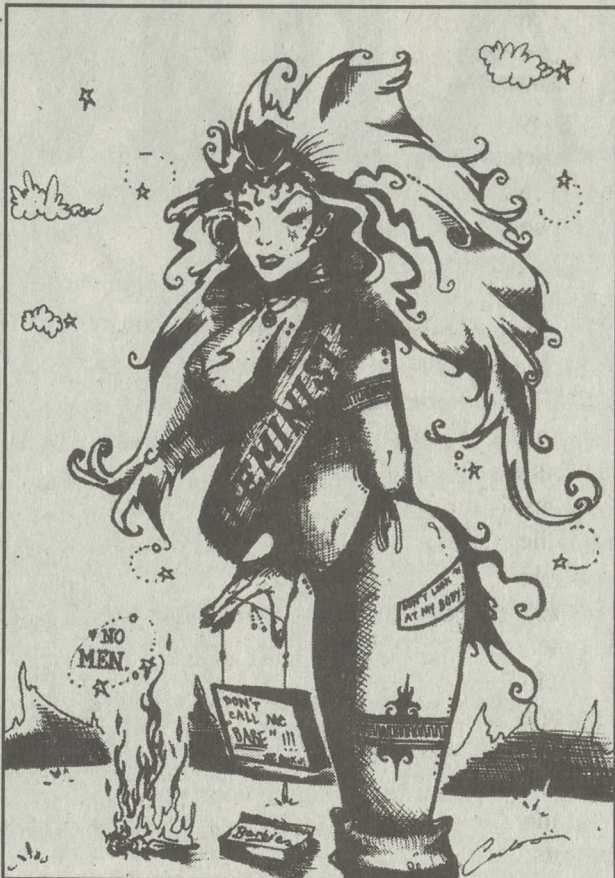
Somehow, the real goals and accomplishments of the feminist movement have gotten lost in all this confusing publicity.

What do we do? How do we make it safe again for us all to utter the words, "I'm a feminist?"

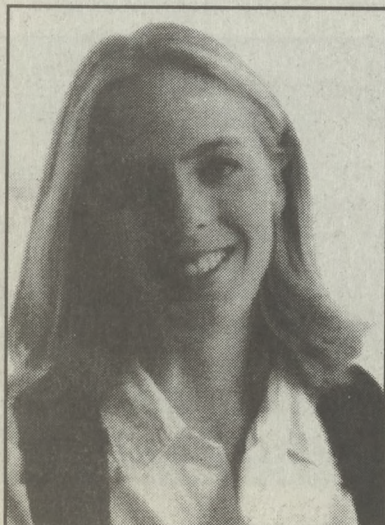
I first recommend that all who read this article educate themselves on the movement and the founders' intentions.

These women have suffered unbelievably to get us the rights we take for granted everyday.

Don't let the rotten apples spoil the whole barrel. Read. Read. Read.



Why do Some Women Not Want to be Known as Feminists?



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"Feminism in the dictionary is equal rights for women. Some women have given feminism a bad name because they have something to prove and go around acting like they're better than men." Amy Crawford



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"I think that women should be equal to do whatever they want, but I don't want to be called a feminist 'cause we should all just be considered equal."

Ebony Satcher



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"I think women should be women. Feminist are usually aggressive. I don't approve of men who don't let their wives do what they want, but the woman is the foundation of the family." Yelena Mezhevitzky



Luis Vasquez/Valley Star

"Feminism is bad because men should dominate, not women."

Mirion Moyadian



Are You an Angel or do You Break Promises?

By Kim Barnes
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

How many times in the past have you made a promise to someone? A promise you had every intention of keeping.

However, when the time came to honor that promise, you reneged.

I don't believe any of us intentionally renege or forget about promises we make to others.

But then again, there is a small percentage of individuals that make promises they have no intention of keeping. It is those individuals that I

believe have forgotten the lessons we learned in childhood. The lessons our parents taught us about honor and keeping promises.

I remember my parents teaching me about commitments and promises. They taught me the importance of honoring any promise I make.

They explained to me the importance of people being able to depend on me and take me at my word.

These are lessons I carried with me through the years. In addition, because of these lessons, I've come to expect the same from others.

Unfortunately, there are some people who have forgotten these important childhood lessons. Perhaps it's today's lifestyle. So many of us are working hard to make our lives and the lives of our families more comfortable.

In this era of instant gratification, making promises is for some, a means to an end.

However, to that end, is making a promise to secure something worth the pain and disappointment the promise causes when it is broken?

The pain will come from the hurt an individual may feel when someone fails to keep a promise. The disappointment will come in the form of how someone may feel about a person after a promise is broken.

What this really all comes down to is despite all the material or personal gains we may make by making promises we can't or won't keep, what we lose is far greater.

We lose our integrity and the respect of others with each broken promise. These are all things to think about when making a promise.

Whether or not the promise is to a friend, a family member, a spouse or to a child (especially a child). We should all make sure that when we give our word, we intend to keep it.

Startling Discovery Made While Feigning

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

One day, two weeks back, I decided to dress nicely, apply some make-up on and style my hair, contrary to the usual comfortable jeans, little make-up and hair down combo.

I will admit, I looked better than usual. Oh damn, I looked good. All the same, I walked out the door expecting another just-a-face-in-the-crowd day.

What I discovered was disturbing. People receive various types of treatment from others, based solely on their appearance.

It all started at class. My classmates and instructors startled me by acknowledging my existence. Walking around campus, people actually made eye contact with me. Some smiled and others even said "Hello!" Gasp!

For a while it felt as if I were in an episode of the "Twilight Zone" and I was going to discover that I was actually on a planet of friendly people.

Outside of the protective niche that is the Valley College campus, I found another world full of friendlies.

Did anyone else know that the phenomenon often referred to as "gentlemen" really exists?

Yes, some believe they were a myth, but I encountered quite a few in my masquerade of an attractive person.

Things I had only heard about were appearing before my very eyes.

As I approached a door, I saw from the corner of my eye a tall young man also nearing the same door. While he opened the door, I expected him to walk in and let the door shut behind him, in front of my face, like usual.

To my bewilderment, he actually held the door

open for me. Then he smiled and nodded. I was beginning to become afraid.

It felt as this were some kind of "Candid Camera" joke. Then I dismissed this young man's behavior, thinking he was probably in a very good mood.

Later, at a store, while waiting in line to pay, a new register had opened. The person before me and I walked over to it and he reached it first.

Then he let me go in front of him even though I had more stuff. Then, the teenage girl operating the cash register started conversing with me. I had never before known a friendly teenager. I haven't since.

Throughout the day I encountered many never-before-seen acts of chivalry. This spurred me to observe the treatment attractive people receive.

Some of it was similar to what I encountered in my little trek. There was a whole lot more, though. People approach attractive people more than they would approach average-looking people.

They seem to leap over bounds to assist an attractive person in any simple feat that any half wit could perform themselves.

Then there's my personal favorite, some people trip over themselves just gawking at an attractive man or woman.

Sadly, I also discovered this discrimination within myself. I tend to make eye contact and be nicer to an attractive person than I would with someone else. It is probably in our nature to be this way.

It is difficult to find the source of this problem or how to find a solution for it. The only thing we can do is realize that all people have feelings and we have to respect that.

Remember what the Temptations say, "You have a pleasant personality and that's an ever living rare quality."

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Editorial:

Apathy On Campus

There have been several major events at Valley this semester. From the club sponsored events to the annual receptions, student apathy is increasing.

It is a major disappointment when a student spends 10 hours decorating Monarch Hall for a dance that less than 100 students attend.

What is the problem? Are student's lives so complicated that they don't have time to get involved? Are students even aware of the events?

Students' answers varied. Some said they work full time and attend college full time and don't have the extra time to attend any events.

Others said they can't afford to attend the events.

Many students said they were unaware of the events or the events were boring. Last but not least, a few said the events were too political.

Let's address the issue of clubs since they seem to fit the political excuse.

Students believe the clubs are about politics. They are not. Club day is about sharing culture and experiencing other cultures.

There are 17 clubs at Valley College. Every other Wednesday in Monarch Square three or four clubs set up their tables with things to sell.

Some club members don't set up empty table and they stand around gossiping.

Other clubs do not even bother to show up. As

for student support? There is very little.

The clubs say less than 10 percent of the customers are first time buyers. That means about 90 percent are repeat customers. This does not include club members who support their clubs.

The ASU's membership is made up of 3118 students this semester. There are 15,648 students enrolled at Valley. About 18 percent of Valley students support their own student government.

Halloween night Phi Theta Kappa, PTK, sponsored the First Annual Family Fun Festival.

Monarch Hall was transformed into a mini fair. Various clubs set up fun booths.

They included dart throwing, finger printing, and

even bingo. A live country and western band played. There was cotton candy and popcorn. Children in costumes danced and played.

People attending the event were immediate family and friends of the students hosting the booths and community members.

There were very few Valley students present.

The Family Fun Festival was advertised around campus three weeks prior to the event. Restricted advertising area prevented clubs from notifying students about the event.

There are plenty of interesting events here on campus. Students need to take time to find out about an event and attend it.

What Are You Going To Do About It?

Neonaticide: Epidemic of Shame

By ANGELA LUSSIER
STAR REPORTER

Why does it seem that so many young mothers are killing their babies? Why do high school and college campuses seem to be a breeding ground for this type of behavior? Contrary to the opinion of many right-wingers, including Washington Post columnist George Will, the answer is not society's permissiveness, nor is it the pro-choice movement, which he blames for what he calls Melissa Drexler's consideration of her newborn as "disposable trash."

I find it ironic that if blame needs placing, and it's not clear where it belongs, it usually, if not always, belongs to the ones looking for a scapegoat.

The fact is, the main reason for this tragedy is the shame and fear attached to sex and unwed pregnancy, by these uptight, sexually repressed and twisted, judgmental hypocrites.

This shame, and the fear that these young women's lives will never recover from the sin of unprotected, pre-marital sex, let alone the stigma and accusations of irresponsibility, that go along with unwed motherhood force many of these girls into a denial so strong that it allows them to truly deceive themselves into believing they are not pregnant. Not only does this effect their conscious mind, but the denial is so strong that even their bodies believe it. That is why so many of these girls do not appear pregnant.

When the inevitable happens, and labor begins, it is often too much for these girls to handle. They have put all their energy into their denial. They have resorted to the childlike, magical thinking process of wishing it away and many of them have been successful at not only fooling themselves but their families and friends as well. The emergence of the child shatters the protective shield they have created and the traumatic reality forces these girls into making a life and death decision that they are neither prepared or equipped to make.

It astounds me that seemingly intelligent people can actually believe that these girls are acting merely out of selfishness. If these new mothers were thinking rationally, they would know that they risk a much greater inconvenience of being caught, tried, convicted, and shunned by society.

Obviously there are exceptions but one only has to observe the physical appearance of these girls in denial - they don't gain much weight. If they did, then they either have co-conspirators in their denial, or they are found out in time.

The shame and fear theory also explains why so many "good girls" hide their pregnancies. The strange truth is that pregnant girls who come from less conservative families are more likely to be truthful about their conditions.

Now to address the underlying spiritual cause of our society's contempt for murderous mothers of any age. But first, keep in mind the fact that in England a mother cannot be convicted of murdering a child under the age of two. They understand what some American men and women can never seem to get, the effect of hormonal changes a woman goes through when she has a baby.

Here are the statistics: One in ten women will experience postpartum depression, one in five will have postpartum psychosis, and three percent of them will kill their babies - and probably go to jail.

Why is it so unforgivable for a mother in our society to kill her baby? Because it is seen as the power of God gone sour. You can't get any closer to divinity then by creating a life and bringing forth a new human being into the world. When someone with this divine power destroys the very gift it has the power to create, many people consciously or unconsciously equate them with the opposite of God: Satan. This is not only unfair, but a further reflection of the mystical conflict between the sexes that has led to women being at once revered and subjugated.

It takes two to create a new life - there's equality for you. Again it's about one group (men throughout the ages) needing a scapegoat.

Well I don't want to blame men now do I? According to my own philosophy, that would make me guilty. The fact is we are all to blame. Women are the ones who have been raising boys all these years after all.

The point is, until we raise our children as individuals and not cower to the fear tactics of judgmental radicals on either side, raise our children with honest values, appoint shame only when necessary (when the child has caused harm), and the ability to communicate without fear, will we have a generation that will be able to deal with life on life's terms.

As for anyone who thinks they may find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy, remember that if you can't talk to your parents, there are people you can confide in. Get yourself to a clinic and talk to someone there. You have choices, and only you can make them.

The most important thing is - if abstinence is not an option, use protection. It can not only protect you from an unwanted pregnancy, but from AIDS and other STDs, many of which will stay with you far longer than nine months.

An unexpected pregnancy is not the end of the world. Take it from me. It can turn out to be a blessing in disguise, if not for you than for a loving couple looking for a child.

And as for those of you who enjoy jumping on the "let's blame and judge everyone but yourselves" well, *what are you going to do about it?*

What's Your Opinion?

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Who Asked U About Protesters?

By LEO SMITH
STAR REPORTER



They sure don't make hippies the way they used to. Used to be it would take the National Guard killing a few tie-died students to disperse them.

Now a little pepper spray and they run home to momma's lawyer.

Up in Humboldt County on October 16, a group of the flower-empowered staged a sit-in in the offices of Representative Frank Riggs to protest redwood logging in the area.

They were asked to disperse and told actions would be taken to evict them, but they declined in staunch indifference to authority.

Police resorted in kind with a tactic meant to keep blood off the congressman's immaculate floor.

The tree hugger's eyes were then swabbed with pepper spray with the promise from police that their eyes would get watered down to alleviate the Cajun suffering.

Aside from a few moments of Habenero discomfort the police stuck with to their promise, then arrested the sobbing pantywaists.

Now it seems a few want restitution for their pain. What happened to suffering for a cause? taking pride in one's work?

Doesn't seem like these neo-peace freaks are interested in martyrdom anymore. Instead, they want compensation for the abuse they suffered at the hands of "The Man."

Now I can understand wanting to make a few bucks for some of that kind Humboldt herb, but these pansies have defused their

greatest weapon, sympathy, by coming on as money hungry yuppies.

Had these videos surfaced on their own, and they undoubtedly would have, people would have been disturbed to see children abused at the hands of police.

Mace is meant to be used as a deterrent to lethal force, and although macing peaceful protesters might fall into a gray area, Joe public might see this as a case of abuse, regardless of how polite the police seemed.

That sympathy would have been much more beneficial to their cause than suing for some cash and a policy change.

All of the plaintiffs are women and, judging by the caliber of their lawyers, didn't need choose to go without showers.

With names like Vernal Springs (I'll never swim in there again) these dull kids are obviously the offspring of even dimmer baby boomers lacking any real motivation for protesting, other than a need to belong and maybe a basic concern for deforestation.

The really sick thing is that I agree with their ideology, and can't blame them for their futile attempt to save the trees in this way.

What I find contemptuous is their attempt to turn their admirable suffering into a cash windfall.

Protesters have to understand that their natural predator is the police, and they will clash at every turn. However this doesn't make the cops the bad guys.

Getting peppered is no reason to sue, you put yourself in that position knowing damn well you won't be allowed to stay there for long.

These hippie chicks should thank their love beads the police didn't decide to treat them like a King.

Sewing the Missing Stitch

■ **Fashion-** The Valley College Family and Consumer Studies Department finds itself in search of a faculty sponsor for the school's fashion shows.

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

"What do you think?" Chreselle Manasan impatiently asks her professor, who at the time brags about the full-page and full-color coverage the L.A. Times gave Valley College on their last school fashion show in the spring of 1995.

"It looks cute," Doris Davis, family and consumer studies professor at Valley College, answers as her pupil models her just-finished vest.

Manasan, a nursing student, said she joined Davis' class for fun.

Earlier in the semester Davis was granted \$2,000 by the American Association of Family and Consumer Science.

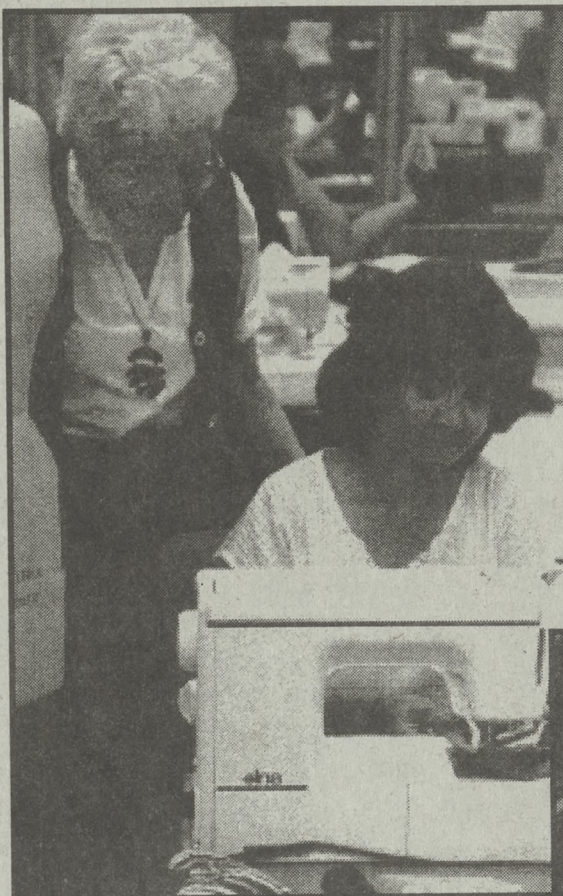
With the money, Davis bought four Elna sewing machines, two Rowenta irons and subscriptions to Women's Wear Daily and California Apparel News.

Erica Faye Doval, a CSUN student who attended Valley College last year was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Although the money has helped the department, Davis feels that the school needs to provide personnel in order for the fashion shows to come back on campus.

Davis, a retired instructor, teaches at Valley College on an hourly basis in order to keep the department going.

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"Since my retirement as a full-time instructor, the design associates have been defunct due to the lack of a faculty sponsor."

-Doris Davis, family and consumer studies instructor

Doris Davis (right) helps Shahghan Zapata with a brand new Elna sewing machine. Chreselle Manasan (bottom) shows off her just-finished vest. Kris Putziger (right) gets rid of wrinkles with one of two new Rowenta irons.



Photos by Kathy Lustig/Valley Star from the department's new equipment.

"I love it," Kris Putziger, sophomore fashion design and merchandise major, said.

Putziger takes her own equipment to class. She said the reason is because it's a habit she kept from when the department's equipment was not up to their full capabilities.

"The old machines have been overworked for too many years," Putziger said. She also said that the grants were a good idea.

a faculty sponsor," Davis said.

Davis, who sponsored an annual spring fashion show and small shows during the fall semesters, said the reason why the school hasn't had a show in the fall is because of the budget cuts Valley College had to deal at the beginning of the fall semester. Davis is also a fashion design and fashion merchandise instructor, in which she teaches about interior design.

Students, according to Davis, have been benefiting

Alien Haunts Valley's House of Thrills and Chills

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

Kyle Steinmetz, disguised as Batman, jumped up and down in front of the entrance of the Valley College haunted room. Occasionally he stopped to adjust his mask.

"Where is she, mom?" the masked kid asked. "Where, oh where, oh where?"

"Soon Batman," said Jeanette Steinmetz, Batman's mom dressed as Satan.

"It is very dark in there," he said as he peeked in.

Batman was joined by 2-year-old Robin, Billy Steinmetz.

Just then the door opened and a blonde witch appeared. She guided Batman along with his six friends into the dark room.

It was very quiet and very dark. The little figures gathered closer to Satan as they slowly crept further into the room.

A light flashed and all eyes were staring at a casket with a dead body in it. Batman and his followers were fascinated by the lifeless body. They began to inch their way closer when...

Boo!

...it jumped up to get them. They laughed and screamed with excitement.

"I'm not afraid of that dead man," Batman said. "I will kill him."

The witch escorted the group in silence. Batman and Robin were walking on opposite sides of Satan. They were guided further into the dark room. They stopped in front of a table full of containers. The witch informed them there were hearts, brains and livers in the containers.

Slowly Batman put his hand inside of the jar.

"Ugh!" Batman said. "It feels like jello."

A monster jumped out and frightened the children. Robin began to cry. It took a few seconds to calm the group down.

"Don't cry brother," Batman said. "I'll protect you."

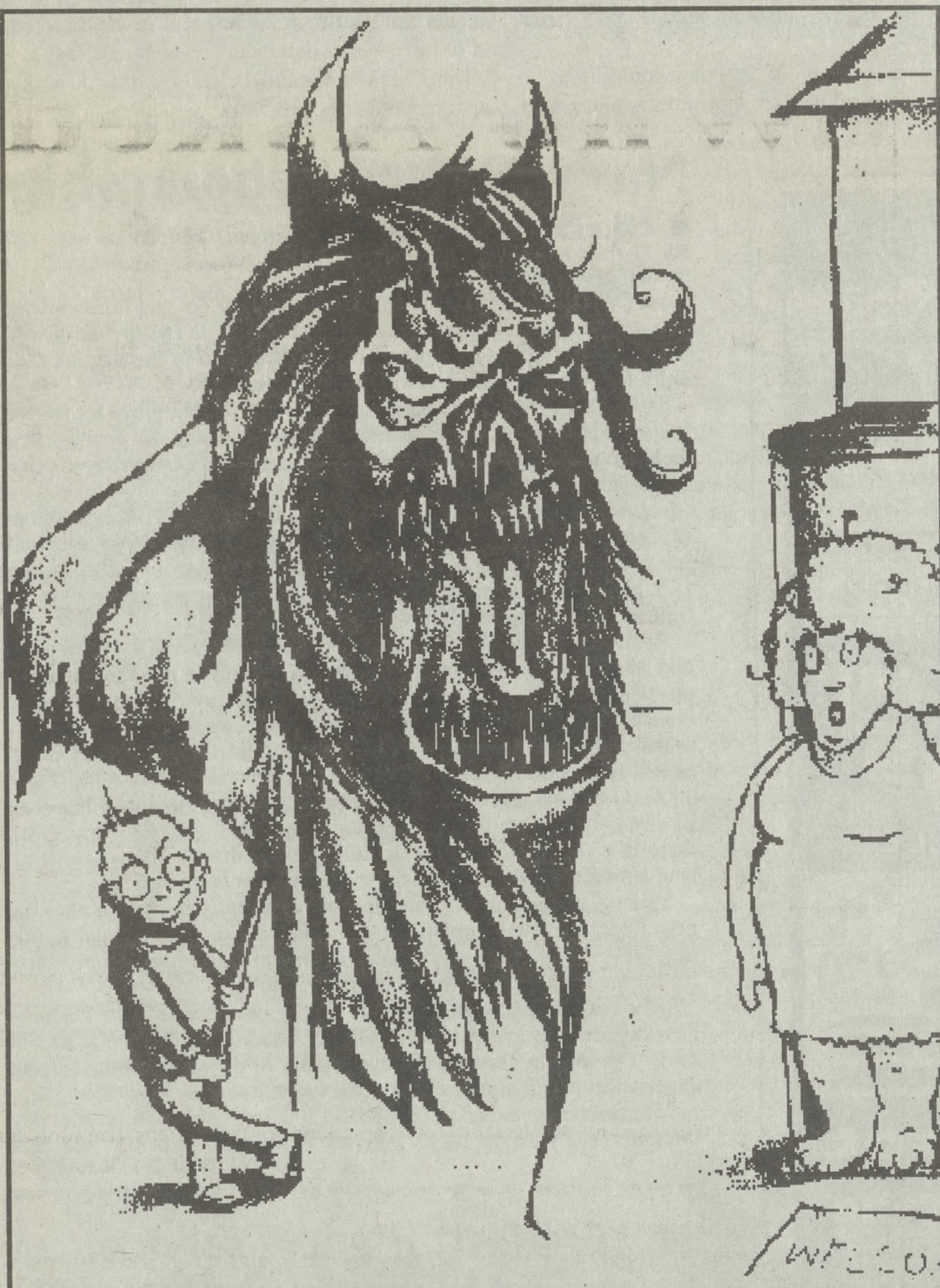
The witch slowly guided them further into the haunted room. A light began to flash. Batman and Robin stood still, following the light with their head. A creature crawled from the dark spaces and into the light.

"Alien!" Batman screamed as he leaped toward his mother. "Get me outta here mom, there's aliens."

Batman was defeated. He clung to Satan until she emerged into the light. He kept his face buried in her neck.

"It's okay Kyle and Billy," Steinmetz said. "He was a make believe alien."

Batman stopped crying. He took off his mask, looked his mom in the face and said the alien was real. "I saw him with my own eyes."



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Double Twilight at the Shoebox Zone

By MICHELLE FOGEL
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Valley College Theater Arts Department presented a double performance of "The Twilight Zone" in the Shoebox Theater.

The lights went out as the first scene, "Dealers Choice," unraveled. Peter, played by Eddie Hargitay, expressed his character's anxiety knowing that the devil had come to take him away.

Peter thought his life was not that bad, but the devil had another idea. The devil, played by Lourdes "Two" Ontiveros, gave an astounding performance. She had joined in Peter's poker game claiming her name was Niki. Once she was inside of Peter, she would take him to the underworld where she wanted him.

The second scene, "Five Characters," shows a sergeant, clown, ballerina, engineer, and musician surrounded by empty, black walls.

The sergeant, Francisco Hernandez, has trouble accepting where he is or that this may be his destiny.

"Hey up there," Hernandez screams. "Let us out."

Hernandez did a great job depicting his character's animosity toward his new surroundings. The clown, played by Jason Andrade, willingly tries helping the sergeant ease his conscience.

The Collegiate Players performed "Twilight Zone," which went on Oct. 30 and 31.



Calendar



■ The Valley College Music Department

presents the Valley College Jazz Band in concert Nov. 6 in Music Room 112, at 11 a.m.

■ Adina Aaron and Keiko Halop will perform on the soprano and piano Nov. 13 in the Music Recital Hall at 11 a.m.

ADMIT ONE

■ The Theater Arts Department is proud to present the Collegiate Players, who will perform "The Sand Box" on Nov. 6 and 7 in the Theater Arts Building.

■ The Yiddishkayt Group presents "Sholem Aleichment, His Life and Works," lecture by Marion Herbst at the West Hollywood Yiddish Culture Club on Nov. 9. For more information (310) 552-2007.

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Getty Museum Prepares for December Opening

By STEVE BELAND
STAR REPORTER

Author John Ruskin once wrote, "An architect should live as little in cities as a painter. Send him to our hills, and let him study there what nature understands by a buttress, and what by a dome."

In 1984, the J. Paul Getty Trust hired renowned architect Richard Meier and sent him into the hills above Brentwood to design a new home for its museum and institutes.

Thirteen years and \$1 billion later, the most expensive arts complex in the nation's history is scheduled to open to the public on Dec. 16, as the Getty Center campus unites the J. Paul Getty Trust's museum, institutes and grant program in six buildings on a single 110-acre site.

Sweeping, panoramic views of Los Angeles and the Pacific Ocean welcome visitors as they ascend from the subterranean parking garage to the plaza at the top of the ridge via an automated tram. Upon arrival at the plaza, patrons are surrounded by gardens, terraces and six curvilinear buildings clad in light tan aluminum and honey-colored Italian travertine stone.

A broad staircase leads to a central courtyard enclosed by five two-story pavilions. On the ground floor, open walkways allow guests to enjoy the courtyard at their leisure as they move from one pavilion to another. Glass walkways expose views of the surrounding hills and city to visitors wandering the second story.

"What we were trying to do was make an urban piazza...a really great place for people to hang out," said Barbara Whitney, associate director of administration and public affairs.

Masterpieces such as Andrea Mantegna's "Adoration of the Magi" and Vincent van Gogh's "Irises" are displayed in 22 high-ceilinged, skylit galleries that allow visitors to view paintings in the natural light in which they were created. Computerized louvers control the amount of sunlight allowed into each gallery, eliminating glare.

Fourteen decorative arts rooms are displayed throughout the museum. These rooms are designed to evoke 17th- and 18th-century interiors. Four

paneled rooms from the 1700s, two of which have never been seen, will also be displayed.

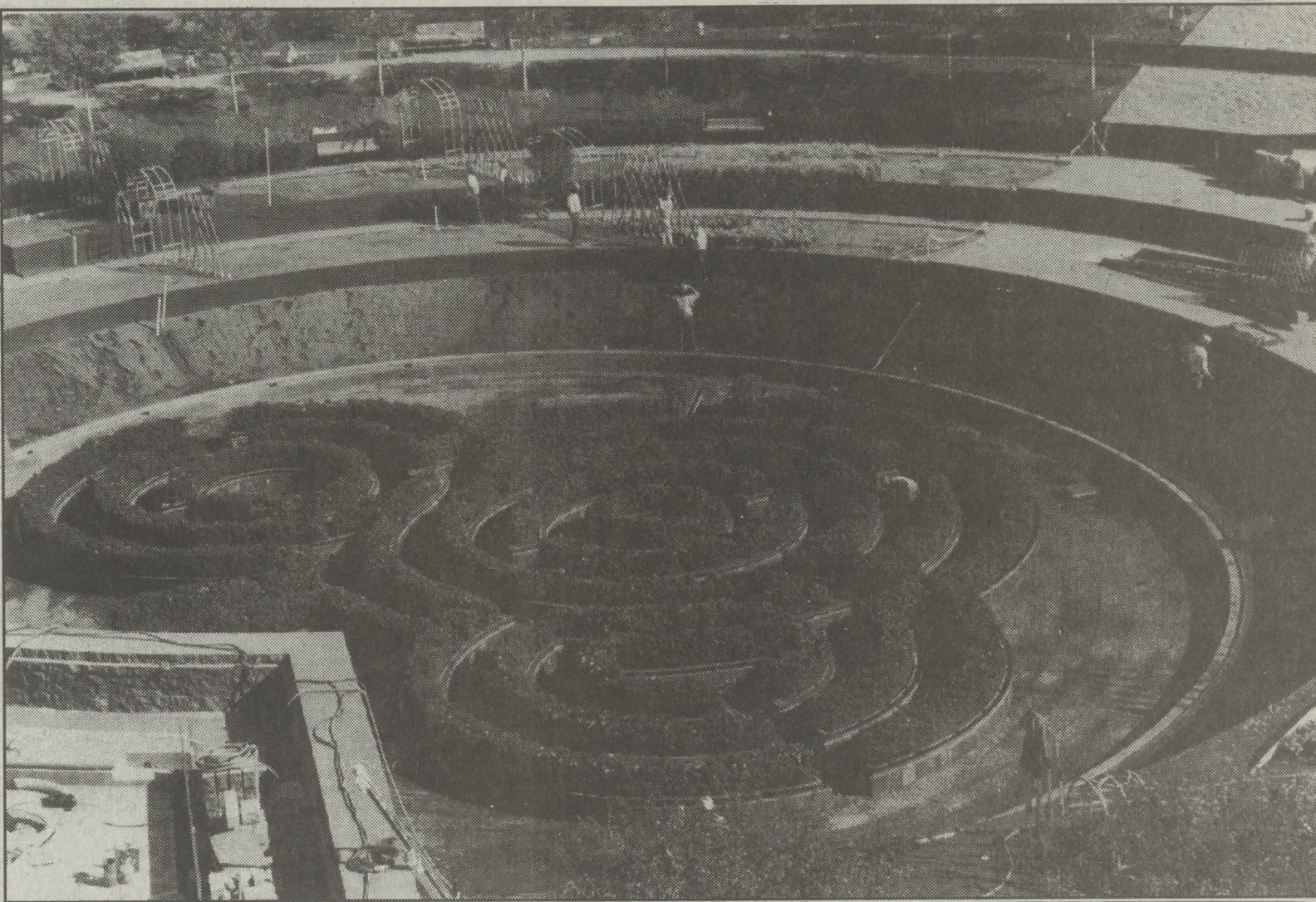
Museum Director John Walsh said, "The plan encourages visitors to go from the courtyard into the pavilions in whatever order they wish, while allowing us to install the collections more or less chronologically."

Drawings, miniature paintings, sculptures, photographs, manuscripts and other works never before seen by the public will also be displayed throughout the museum.

Inaugural exhibitions will include "Time Not in Motion: A Celebration of Photographs", "Collection of Drawings of the J. Paul Getty Museum: The First 15 Years" and "Masterpieces of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscript Illumination."

Education Specialist Andrew Clark said the Getty will launch special educational programs in the upcoming year. He said one such program is called "Friday Night at the Getty", which will feature a series of educational performance events such as plays, films, readings and concerts.

Clark added that beginning in September 1998, the museum will launch its school visit program



Luis O. Vasquez/Valley Star

GETTY ON THE GO: The Getty Center is preparing for its December opening. The general public will get a chance to view art in a setting that shows it in its best light.

with special weekday hours from 9-11 a.m. reserved for school children and teachers.

The Getty Center is also home to the J. Paul Getty Trust, the Getty Research Institute for the History of Art and the Humanities, the Getty Conservation Institute, the Getty Education Institute for the Arts, the Getty Information Institute and the Getty Grant Program.

"The main purpose of the new museum is to show visitors works of art in a setting where they

look their best," Walsh said. "We want to seduce visitors. And we believe that the more people know about what they are looking at, the more likely they are to enjoy it."

For parking reservations or information, call (310) 440-7300. Calls may be placed to reservation agents daily between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or to the 24-hour automated reservations line.

The TDD line for callers who are deaf or hearing impaired is (310) 440-7305.

Navy Offers Scholarship

■ CAREERS: A Few Good Men and Women Needed.
BY FRANK KOSTENKO
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

As the Navy steams away from the Cold War era and heads toward new upcoming challenges, the service continues to capture worldwide headlines, including its almost constant presence in the Persian Gulf enforcing United Nations resolutions against Iraq.

Sailors help in extraordinary circumstances in places like Guam following airplane crashes. Our sailors continually explore exciting new technologies and embrace tactical and operational innovations, constantly honing war fighting skills.

Commander Ramiro Rosillo, Valley College's Navy liaison officer, said students could earn \$21,000 to \$28,000 per year while attending school full time, with a guaranteed job after graduation. He said the U.S. Navy Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program can provide full time students up to \$60,000 while attending college.

Rosillo said students who are U.S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 34 who have a GPA of 2.7 or greater, who are in good medical and physical condition, and possess a clean civil and criminal record should consider this new scholarship program. Applicants must be accepted to a 4-year school and have completed 60 units of college-level courses before they can be considered.

"As a full time student you receive a monthly salary of \$1,800—and no need for any uniforms or military haircuts," said Rosillo. "Also, there is no weekend drilling or ROTC environment. You are guaranteed a professional management specialty of your choice."

Valley College student Esteban Ramos recently joined up with the new Baccalaureate completion plan. Ramos said, "I can't beat it, this new Navy scholarship plan is allowing me to concentrate on my studies for the next 3 years while earning great pay."

Ramos said he plans on going into supply management with his business degree after completion of Officer Candidate School (OCS). He said, "I'm looking forward to traveling the world and gaining valuable experience during my four years of active duty in the Navy."

He can be contacted at (818)781-1200, extension 246 on Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Rosillo said that

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Education Offers Hope for South African Blacks

■ In the aftermath of apartheid, community colleges provide a new future for blacks in South Africa.

By LINDA E. THOMAS
STAR REPORTER

On a bright winter morning half-way across the earth from a hilltop in Soweto, South Africa, an American professor looks out across an ocean of metal shacks as far as his eyes can see. Somewhere in the vast valley below, a young college student prepares for a day at school in a one-room hovel with no toilet, no running water and no electricity.

Valley College Professor Roger Graham has recently returned from a Council on International Education Exchange tour of South Africa for the purposes of studying the burgeoning education system there. The Los Angeles Community College District partially sponsored the venture, as Graham was the only candidate selected from California to join 25 other American educators in the delegation.

Ninety-nine percent of all blacks in the capital area of Johannesburg, South Africa live in Soweto, a major focus of the CIEE trip. As a city of two million blacks and one of the largest in the nation, Soweto is a community of row after row of shanty shacks made of tin and cardboard. Whole families live together in one room. There are no toilet facilities, no electricity. A number slapped in crude paint across the side of the shack serves as a makeshift address. Rocks sometimes hold the walls from blowing away in the wind.

On his way to school, a student must trudge down dirt furrows of trodden paths to a gutted road. There he may stop to wash his face and hands from a bare spicket before plodding out miles on foot to get to the one and only community college in the city. Once there, he will finally begin a long day of classes followed by a marathon trek home.

In a world of fast cars and cyberspace, to many Southern California college students such a day may sound like a nightmare. To a South African black, it is a dream come true. Although living conditions are severe for most blacks in South Africa, a college education has been placed within their reach for the very first time. In the aftermath of apartheid, blacks have been given a new hope, new opportunities and new optimism through the promise of education.

In May 1994, black leader Nelson Mandela was elected president of South Africa in its first democratic election and national black vote in its history. Mandela has promised a new multiracial government that would work to reverse the economic and social problems caused by apartheid, including a new educational system which opens colleges to blacks.

"Mandela is saying, 'If you can just get an education, it will help give you a job,'" Graham said. "The government is putting most of their 'eggs' in the education basket."

The lack of education for blacks was one of the greatest detriments caused by apartheid.

"In the overall reconstruction of the government, there is a new blueprint to improve education," Vice Consulate General of South Africa Tschidiso Ranamane said in a Los Angeles interview Tuesday. "The new education minister decided to rid the country of the old educational system which was

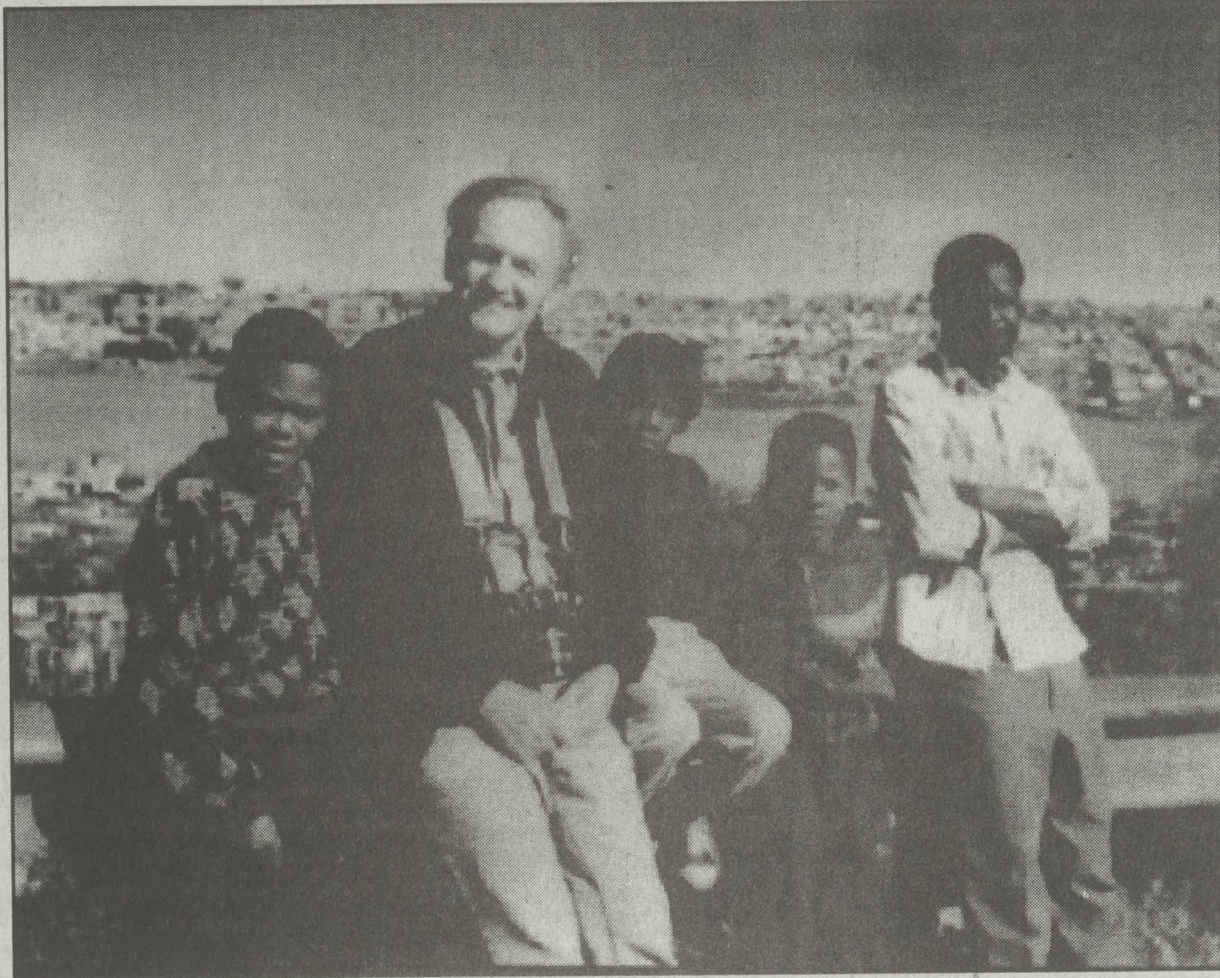


Photo courtesy of Roger Graham

Valley College Professor Roger Graham visits with hopeful South African youths in Soweto.

instrumental in tearing the people apart. Under the old government, the educational system was divided. There was a separate system for blacks, where they had an inferior education. There is a new program to have a single education system for everyone."

As apartheid is being dismantled, an increasing number of black students have begun attending institutions that were once attended exclusively by whites.

"Community colleges are the future of South Africa," Ranamane said. "Before the new government, the rate blacks were allowed to study in colleges and universities was negligible if not at the zero level. Now, colleges are opening up to blacks, but there is a great need to have more community colleges. There are plans to build more; it is the focal point of education there now. That is where workers and tradesmen are trained for jobs. Those people do not come out of universities, they come out of community colleges. That is the real future of South Africa."

Barely three years after Mandela's joyous victory dance, he is pouring big national dollars into education, Graham said.

"Mandela has proven his policy about education, because he has put his money where his mouth is," Graham said. "He has put a great deal of the budget into it."

Mandela is also trying to put money into low-cost housing for blacks, Graham said.

"You have people living in shacks," Graham said. "They don't have the money to buy new houses anyway. All the pieces of the puzzle have to come together for it to work."

Recent statistical reports show that blacks make up 76 percent of the population of South Africa and represent only 28 percent of its income, one of the world's widest income gaps. A white family makes 12 times more than a black family. Whites make up 12.8 percent of the population and 'coloureds' or mixed races, 8.5 percent. More than half the blacks live well below the poverty line and black unemployment hovers around 40 percent.

The average commute for a black who does work

is 23 miles and takes several hours. A large percentage live in shacks, or are homeless, and a black's life expectancy is 57 years compared to a white's 73 years. Whites own more than 90 percent of all property.

The black teacher to student ratio is 1/60 in urban areas and 1/90 in rural areas, Ranamane said.

"Our state law just passed that we can't put more than 20 elementary students in a classroom," Graham said about California. "Our teachers are upset because they have to deal with 20. Imagine 50 or more and one teacher."

In South Africa, black literacy is less than 50 percent and white literacy is nearly 100 percent. Only 41 percent of blacks pass the college qualification exam, who have even been given the chance to take the test, and nearly 100 percent of whites do, according to information provided by the consulate.

The black schools have few supplies and many different languages are spoken, Graham said.

"L.A. city schools are struggling because we have a bilingual system," Graham said. "In South Africa,

there are 11 official languages. Imagine dealing with that!"

Most black students speak Zulu, but most teachers speak English, Graham said.

"There is still a battle about the language to be used in education," Ranamane said. "People would prefer to be educated in the language in which they are most comfortable. English, however, would be the most prominent language in terms of conducting education and will probably be chosen."

Graham said he spoke with black teachers who told him they accept very low pay because they want to help other blacks. White teachers want extra money to teach black students, he said. Some blacks that left the country during apartheid are now returning to teach in black community colleges, he said.

"It so struck me that most of the black young people there are amazingly optimistic," Graham said. "Schools are opening to them now, if they could just get a job. They want a house with running water and electricity. They want a television so they can connect with the rest of the world."

Not all are optimistic, however.

"They have had a peaceful revolt with a black government now and they still don't have jobs," Graham said. "Education is a long-term solution. Some are incredibly frustrated. To young people, Mandela says, 'Patience, patience,' but some are tired of being patient. They want a job with decent pay now. Some young blacks try to take what they want and the crime rate is very high."

Once elected, Mandela established an amnesty system where whites who performed brutal atrocities during apartheid would not be punished as long as they state their guilt and sign a confession, Graham said. But some young blacks want revenge for the apartheid brutality, he said.

"Mandela, in my opinion, is keeping a lid on the country and keeping it from blowing up," Graham said. "If this works, it would be an incredible model for the whole world. Mandela hopes to pull off a revolution with education, but will he live long enough to keep the lid on? There doesn't seem to be anyone on the horizon that has Mandela's strength and respect in his country that make people stand in line to do the right thing."

In spite of all the difficulties in this struggling nation, many see a bright future.

"They have got faith in education for a job and a better future," Graham said. "You don't see such faith in the ghettos and barrios of Los Angeles. I hope and pray South Africa can pull it off. If they can, there is hope for the rest of the world."

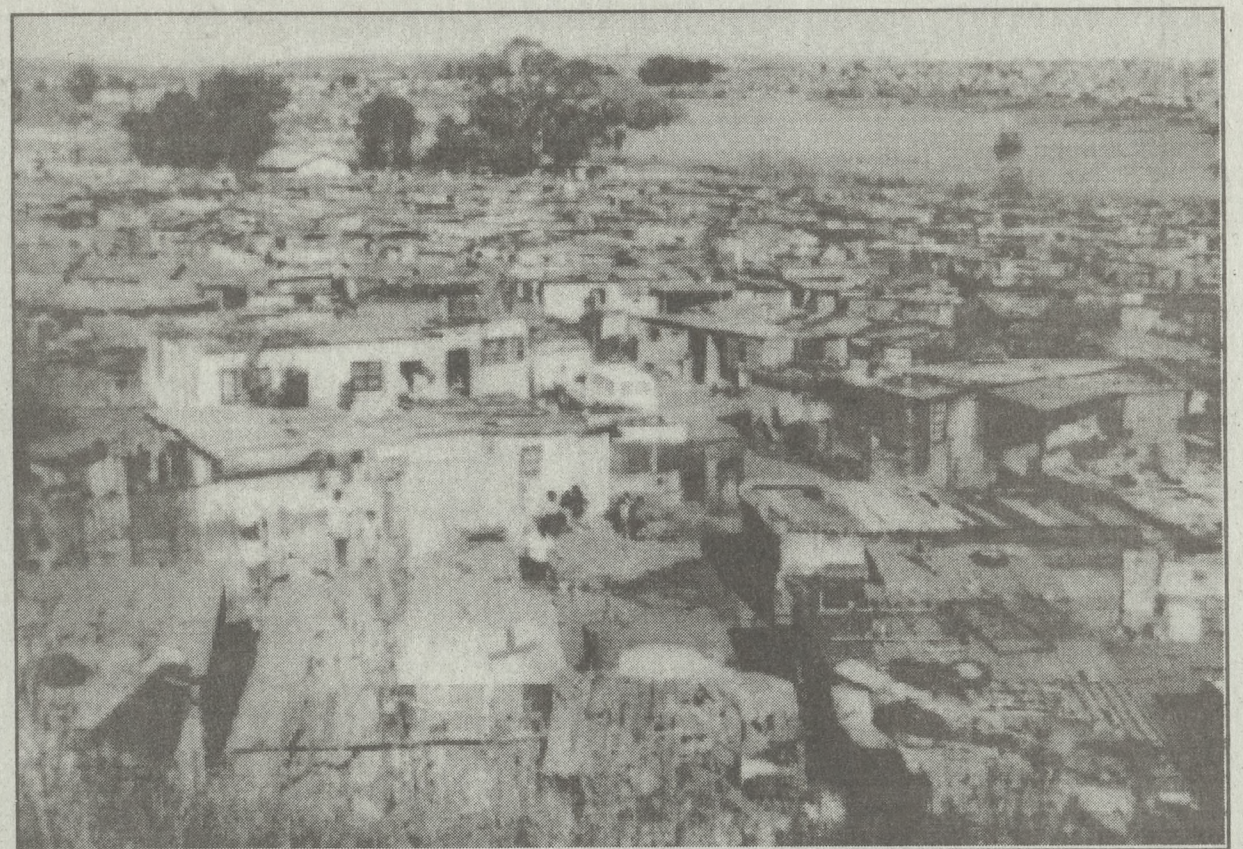


Photo by Roger Graham

Row after row of one-room tin shacks make up the homes of as many as two million blacks in Soweto, South Africa. Blacks are now being offered opportunities in a community college education never before afforded them.

Navy Opportunities

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after an appointment is set up, he will draft an agreement contract and go over the job options with interested students.

Navy reservists are also allowed to volunteer for temporary assignments. Valley College student Joe Rystrom is a reservist who recently returned from deployment to the Middle East.

Rystrom said, "They called me and asked me if I wanted to serve in Saudi Arabia for 4 months. I said 'why not?' Although a bit hot [highs

were in the 120s], I learned a lot, working in the public affairs office. There was plenty of sand—I was about as far away from water as I could get."

While the size of the U.S. Navy is decreasing, the need is great for qualified, and dedicated sailors. Likewise, the opportunities and benefits for sailors have never been greater. Honor, courage and commitment—the Navy's motto.

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Valley Beats Harbor in Fourth Quarter Scare

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

Defensive end Pat Roskowitz sacked Harbor's Jack Hawley on the Seahawks' last play of the game to stop Harbor's comeback and give the host Monarchs their first Western State Conference southern division win Saturday.

With 2:05 left in the game and the score 40-34, the Seahawks gained possession of the ball at their own 20-yard line. Hawley managed to complete three of six passes for 35 yards, putting Harbor at Valley's 45-yard line. Ninety seconds later, Bryan Henderson sacked Hawley for a three-yard loss. Hawley was forced to spike the next snap to stop the clock at nine seconds. Then came Roskowitz's game-ending sack.

Valley College quarterback Tom Raciuss led the Monarchs to victory. He completed 25 of 36 passes for 407 yards, including touchdown strikes to Leaford Hackett for 61 yards, Gregory Petty for a one-yarder and Randall Lane for 14 and 18 yards. Raciuss was selected as player of the week by the WSC and the Junior College Athletic Bureau after completing 27 of 37 passes for 425 yards and five touchdowns against Pierce.

Hawley led the Seahawks with 23 of 43 passes for a total of 303 passing yards while rushing for two touchdowns. He also threw a 55-

yard touchdown pass to Mark Pappas.

Hawley, who joined Harbor after a year with El Camino College, has completed 135 of 231 passes in the season and was named state and WSC player of the week twice. He was sacked six times for a loss of 55 yards and was intercepted once by Tyler Fenwick.

The opening kickoff which was scheduled for 7 p.m. was delayed 17 minutes because headphone dispute between the teams.

"Both teams need to have equal amounts of headphones," first year Harbor Head Coach Tony Bloomfield said. "They've got four. We've got two."

"[Bloomfield] doesn't know the rule," Valley College Athletic Director Chuck Ferraro said.

Ferraro said Valley College has been supplying one set of headphones to both home and visiting teams for the last 17 years. It is the responsibility of the visitors to bring their own headphones if they decide to waive the host's equipment.

"That's their fault because they didn't bring their own equipment," Ferraro said.

Once the dispute was settled, Harbor was determined to win the game.

The Seahawks, winless last season, entered the game with a 4-2 record and leading the WSC in scoring.

They started the game at their own 32-yard line. Hawley lead Harbor to Valley's red zone, where, from a shotgun formation, he

ran the ball in for a 13-yard touchdown to give the visitors a 7-0 lead with 10:59 in the opening quarter.

The Harbor momentum was shattered when the Monarchs answered with 33 points of their own.

Valley gained 67 yards on their opening drive but Head Coach Gary Barlow was forced to kick. Fernando Arias put Valley on the board 7-3 with a 29-yard field goal.

The Monarchs took the lead 10-7 with 2:59 in the first quarter on Raciuss' 61-yard touchdown pass to Hackett who, after sprinting

pass Harbor's safeties, caught the ball with his fingertips. Hackett became the sixth leading receiving in Valley College history with nine catches, which added to his total of 77.

It was a close game until late in the second half.

Raciuss hooked up with Lane for a 14-yard touchdown with 19 seconds left in the half to increase the Monarch lead by ten.

"That ball hit me in the stomach," Lane said while running off the field after his reception.

Valley College wasn't happy with that lead. Five

seconds later, the Monarch line rushed up the field as Arias kicked off to Domonik Moor, one of the conference's top returners. Valley College's Matt Gillis gained control of the ball 26 yards away from the Seahawks end-zone.

With six seconds left in the quarter, Arias kicked a 38-yard field goal to give Valley College a 20-7 half-time lead.

"The defense has been playing well, carrying the offense," Strength and Conditioning Coach Dave Buchanan said. "Sooner or later the offense was going to catch up. We've got a

young team but nothing is new to them anymore."

Harbor was shut down by the Monarch defense until late in the third quarter when, with the score 33-7, the Seahawks scored twice. The defense allowed Harbor to rush for 140 yards.

Hawley helped his team after Valley College's Antwane Smith, who rushed for 90 yards on 21 carries, scored on a two-yard run and converted a Harbor fumble into a Raciuss 1-yard touchdown strike to Petty.

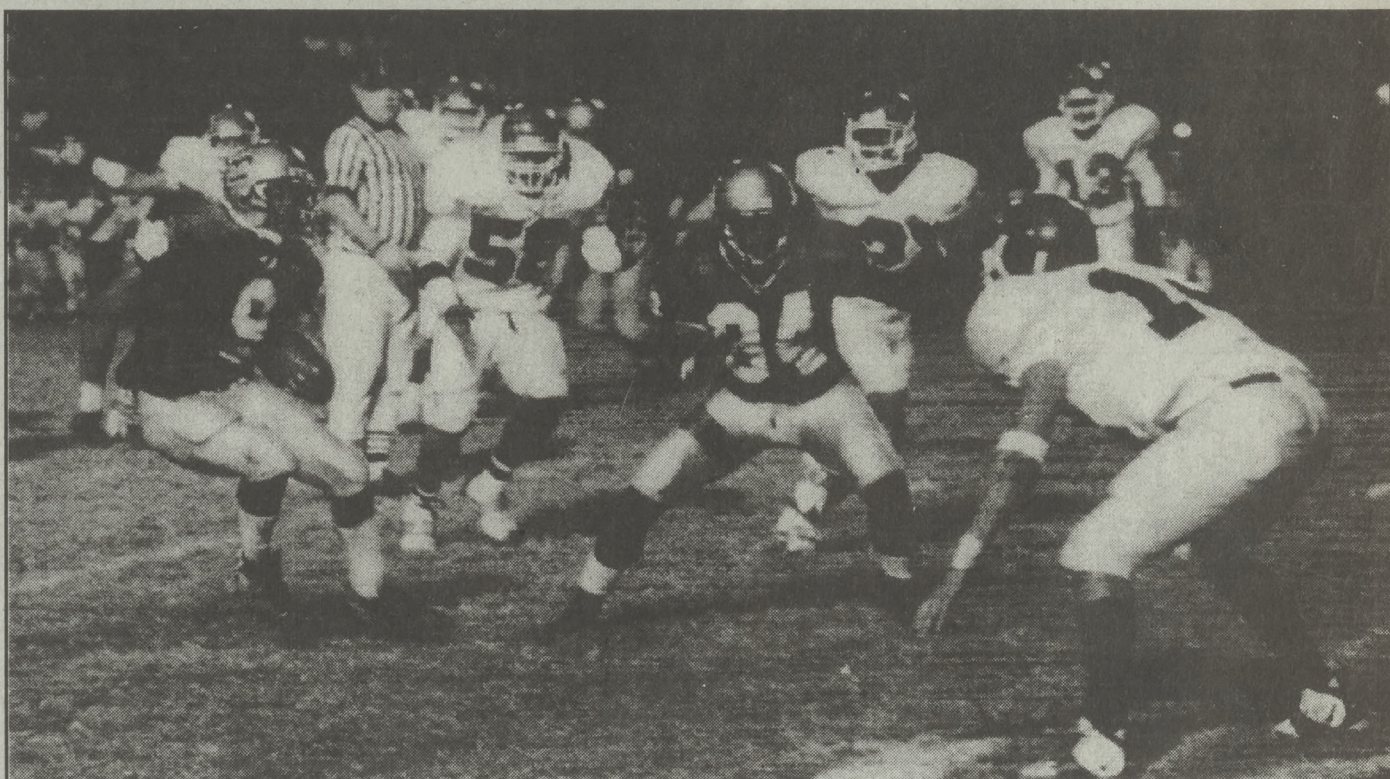
Hawley scored on a nine-yard run and completed the 55-yard pass to Pappas to cut the Monarch lead to 33-21.

Though Valley answered with an 18-yard touchdown reception by Lane, Harbor added 13 points on the

league's fourth best rusher, Ricardo Diaz, who scored on a four- and one-yard touchdown runs to give the Monarchs a fourth quarter scare. Diaz' touchdowns were started by an interception and a fumble recovery by the Seahawks.

Part of the Seahawk comeback was due to Valley College backup quarterback Scott Collins, who in three drives was two for six for 20 yards and was intercepted twice.

On Raciuss' pass to Lane, lineman Dave Clark blocked a potential Seahawk defensive map at Harbor's 17-yard line to allow Lane to sprint through Harbor defense and dive for the six points which later proved to be crucial in Valley College's victory.



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84 Randall Lane is preparing to block an opponent to clear the field for number 9 Antwane Smith in the third quarter.

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